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Thursday, December 23, 2021.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Communications.

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From the Department of Children and Families (see sections 7(e), 23, 24 and 25 of Chapter 18B of the General Laws and sections 23(f), 23(h), 39½ and 51D of Chapter 119 of the General Laws and item 4800-0015 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2021) submitting an annual report for fiscal year 2021;

Children and families.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 2KKKKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the MassHealth Nonpublic Ambulance Service Reimbursement Trust Fund report;

Nonpublic ambulance trust fund.

From the Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority (see Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting a report of audited financial statements for fiscal year 2021;

Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority.

From the Nantucket Regional Transit Authority (see Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting a report of audited financial statements for fiscal year 2021;

Nantucket Transit Authority.

From the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (see Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting an annual report for fiscal year 2021;

Pioneer Valley Transit Authority.

From the Department of Telecommunications and Cable (see Section 6 of Chapter 25C of the General Laws) submitting the annual report for said department for fiscal year 2021;

Department of Telecommunications and Cable.

From the Department of Public Health (see Chapter 384 of the Acts of 2020) submitting a report on Safe Patient Access to Emergency Departments;

Safe patient access.

From the Department of Public Health (see Chapter 313 of the Acts of 2010) submitting a report entitled: Calendar Year 2019 Summary of Activities Related to Screening for Postpartum Depression; and

Postpartum depression,—screening.

From Massachusetts Development Finance Agency (MassDevelopment) (see Section 27 of Chapter 498 of the Acts of 1993) submitting the Devens annual report for fiscal year 2021.

Devens.

Severally were placed on file.

Reports.

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UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Of the Department of Early Education and Care (under sections 3(g), 4, 5, 10 and 13(d) of Chapter 15D of the General Laws) submitting the annual legislative report of said department [a copy of the report was forwarded to the committee on Education, as required by said law];

Early
Education
and Care.

Of the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency (MassDevelopment) Council (under Section 46(m) of Chapter 23G of the General Laws) submitting the annual report of the Transformative Development Fund entitled: Collaborative Workspace Program [copies of the report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means, the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies and the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, as required by said law];

Collaborative
Workspace
Program.

Of the Department of Public Utilities (under Section 12Q of Chapter 25 of General Laws) submitting the Energy Facilities Siting Board Trust Fund report of the department's financial activities from November 25, 2020 through October 12, 2021;

Energy Facilities
Siting Board
Trust Fund.

Of the Department of Public Utilities (under Section 12R of Chapter 25 of General Laws) submitting the Unified Carrier Registration Trust Fund report of the department's financial activities from November 25, 2020 through October 12, 2021;

Unified Carriers
Registration
Trust Fund.

Of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 25 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2021) submitting the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Report Study Commission status update;

Unemployment
Insurance Trust
Fund Commission.

Of the Special Commission on Structural Racism in the Massachusetts Parole Process (under Section 111 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020 as revived and continued by Section 20A of Chapter 76 of the Acts of 2021) submitting the commission's final report;

Parole,—
structural
racism.

Of the Department of Public Health (under Section 135 of Chapter 47 of the Acts of 2017 as revived and continued by Section 85 of Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021) submitting the Childhood Vision and Eye Health Commission report; and

Childhood Vision
and Eye Health
Commission.

Of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (under Section 2(c) of Chapter 257 of the Acts of 2020) submitting the monthly report of the number of actions for summary process entered and filed with each court having jurisdiction over an action for summary process for the month of November, 2021.

Trial Court,—
summary
process.

Severally were placed on file.

Petition.

Representative Muratore of Plymouth and Senator Moran presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mathew J. Muratore and Susan L. Moran for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Charles H. Bletzer, an employee of the Trial Court; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Charles
Bletzer,—
sick leave.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill regulating special police officers in the city known as the town of Agawam (Senate, No. 2589) (on Senate bill No. 1369) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Agawam,—
special
police.

Reports of the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2473) of Cynthia Stone Creem and Tommy Vitolo (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of

Brookline,—
fossil fuel
infrastructure.

Brookline to adopt and enforce local regulations restricting new fossil fuel infrastructure in certain construction; and

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2515) of James B. Eldridge, Tami L. Gouveia and Danillo A. Sena (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Acton to adopt and enforce local regulations restricting new fossil fuel infrastructure in certain construction;

Acton,—
fossil fuel
infrastructure.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Severally accepted by the Senate were considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and they were accepted, in concurrence.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2607) of Cynthia Stone Creem for legislation to stop mass shootings. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Mass
shootings.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2606) of William N. Brownsberger for legislation relative to towing protections. To the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Towing
protections.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that Joint Rule 7B be suspended on the petition of Michelle L. Ciccolo, Cindy F. Friedman and Michael J. Barrett (by vote of the town) relative to a community housing surcharge in the town of Lexington. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 7B was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Lexington,—
housing
surcharge.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of Sheila C. Harrington relative to restricting flight training maneuvers close to hospitals and helipads. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. McGonagle of Everett, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Transportation. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Hospitals,—
flight
training.

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the committee on Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3781) of Nika C. Elugardo and Elizabeth A. Malia for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to health insurance coverage for medically necessary treatment in public schools,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Schools,—
insurance
coverage.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 602) Thomas A. Golden, Jr., for legislation to establish a clean energy education program to provide funding to the Commonwealth's technical and vocational high schools,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Clean energy,—
technical and
vocational schools

By Ms. Ehrlich of Marblehead, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, asking to be discharged from further consideration

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2145) of Mike Connolly relative to promoting the adoption of renewable energy for heating, cooling and hot water under the zoning law;

Renewable energy.

Of the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2167) of Tami L. Gouveia, James B. Eldridge and Nika C. Elugardo relative to providing for local option all-electric buildings and homes ordinances;

Electric buildings and homes ordinances.

Of the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3750) of Sean Garballey and Cindy F. Friedman (by vote of the town) that the town of Arlington be authorized to regulate new construction or major renovation projects that do not qualify as fossil fuel-free buildings;

Arlington,— fossil fuel-free buildings.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3893) of Michelle L. Ciccolo and Cindy F. Friedman (by vote of the town) that the town of Lexington be authorized to adopt and enforce local regulations restricting new fossil fuel infrastructure in certain construction; and

Lexington,— regulation restriction.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4117) of Tami L. Gouveia (by vote of the town) that the town of Concord be authorized to adopt and enforce local regulations restricting new fossil fuel infrastructure in certain construction in said town;

Concord,— fossil fuels.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing recall elections in the town of Otis (House, No. 826) [Local Approval Received].

Otis,— recall elections.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the election of town meeting members in the town of Arlington (House, No. 3745) [Local Approval Received].

Arlington,— election.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to town elections in the town of Wilbraham (House, No. 3935) [Local Approval Received].

Wilbraham,— ballots.

By Ms. Ehrlich of Marblehead, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill relative to further increasing the fines for cruelty to animals, and establishing a fund dedicated to improvements for local animal shelters (House, No. 2132).

Animal cruelty.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate Bill validating the actions taken at the annual town meeting and a certain special town meeting in the town of Rowley (printed in Senate, No. 2550); and

Rowley,— town meeting.

House bills

Relative to tax title expense (House, No. 2150, changed);

Tax titles.

Requiring the master plans of cities and towns to address climate change and renewable energy (House, No. 2159);

Renewable energy.

Authorizing cities and towns to establish reduced maximum tow rates during certain declared emergencies (House, No. 2165);

Municipalities,— tow rates.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Regarding the disability pension of Harry Jean (House, No. 3757) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—
Harry Jean.

Regarding the disability pension for Ryan Lenane (House, No. 3758) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—
Ryan Lenane.

Regarding the disability pension for Terry Cotton (House, No. 3759) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—
Terry Cotton.

Directing the Bristol County Retirement Board to grant creditable service to Frank Cabral Jr (House, No. 3772); and

Frank
Cabral.

Directing the Bristol County Retirement Board to grant creditable service to Christopher J. Gallagher (House, No. 3943);

Christopher
Gallagher.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Renaming the board of selectmen as the select board in the town of Hudson (see House, No. 3920); and

Bills
enacted.

Authorizing the town of Wellesley to grant certain licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages (see House, No. 4260);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Authorizing the town of Orleans to adopt a sewer assessment bylaw (House, No. 2196) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Third
reading
bills.

Establishing a select board in the town of Bolton (House, No. 4198);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.